Capital and Power Generating Costs of Plants set up by BHEL and APSEB

2153. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the capital cost and generating cost details of the power plants being set up by BHEL and APSEB at Kothagudem in Andhra Pradesh, inclusive and exclusive of land, water supply and other infrastructural facilities;

(b) whether it is a fact that BHEL can instal a greenfield thermal power plant at a capital cost of Rs. 2 to 2.5 crore per MW capacity, with generating cost up to Rs. 1.50 Kwh, if so, the broad basis/ parameters of the same and if not, the factual position; and

(c) in case the capital/generating costs of power plant at Kothagudem is higher than the figures that may be given against part (b) of the question above, the detailed reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Thermal Power Plant being set up by the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) at Kothagudem was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in March, 1994 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1890 crores including Rs. 466 crores as Interest During Construction. The estimated cost of generation at power station bus was estimated at Rs. 2.32/Kwh. The estimated cost of Rs. 1890 crores includes the cost of additional land, railway loop line, rolling stock for coal transportation and overhead costs. For water supply, the existing Channel is adequate. Excluding the cost of infrastructure and IDC, the cost of the project works out to Rs. 1358 crores with cost per MW at Rs. 2.72 crores. BHEL is one of the suppliers of equipment in respect of Kothagudem TPS. Its scope covers supply and erection of turbine generator, boiler and associated auxiliaries.

(b) and (c) BHEL have informed that they had, in February, 1994, indicated that the cost of installation of a power plant on turnkey basis was in the range of Rs. 2.50 crores to Rs. 2.75 crores per MW. As regards generating cost, it depends on fuel tie ups and funding of project.

Functioning of Brushware Ltd.

2154. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Brushware Limited, a company under British India Corporation Limited has shut down its operation for the last 8 months despite having heavily booked orders from Defence units and others;

(b) whether the management has failed to provide working capital, electricity and other statutory dues due to diversion of funds;

(c) whether workers have not been paid their wages for long; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The operations of the Brushware Ltd., have been hampered since April, 1994 due to an acute shortage of working capital.

(b) The BIC Ltd., the holding company of the Brushware Ltd., itself is suffering from shortage of working capital and hence is not able to provide working capital to the Brushware Ltd. There has been no diversion of funds.

(c) and (d) There are 50 workers in Brushware Ltd. The workers have been paid wages up to June, 1994 and wages for the month of July, 1994 onwards are due. The Government have sanctioned Voluntary Retirement Scheme for the workers and the same is being implemented. 31 workers have applied for availing of VRS so far.

Investigation against Unscrupulous Silk Garments Exporters

2155. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 166 on 22nd February, 1994 given in the Rajya Sabha and state the results of the investigations against the unscrupulous silk garments exporters and the details of action taken against such erring exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): The Central Bureau of Investigation on the basis of a discreet enquiry conducted by it, has informed that sufficient evidence is not available to pursue the matter further.

Non-payment of CCS to Garment Exporters

2156. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1584 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 1993 and state:

(a) what is the present position of 7 cases which have won in various High Courts and whether the Union of India has preferred either to appeal or the Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court of India; and

(b) whether any contempt proceeding have been started against Government in Delhi High Court for non-observation of amounts due to exporters under the High Court Order?